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**Sent via FOIAonline**

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**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. EPA-R1-2018-008941**

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is the *final* response to your FOIA request dated June 22, 2018, **seeking certain documents regarding total nitrogen and the Great Bay Estuary**. EPA previously provided you with *three interim responses*, dated August 7, September 11, and November 13, 2018, respectively.

We have uploaded an additional 114 documents responsive to your request onto FOIAonline. EPA has redacted certain information contained in these documents which have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure as follows: information deliberative in nature pursuant to FOIA Exemption (5) and personal privacy information, such as non-EPA email address and phone numbers and conference call codes, pursuant to FOIA Exemption (6). EPA has determined that the release of this information would harm an interest protected by these exemptions. Where information is redacted in a document, EPA has indicated the applicable exemption(s). EPA took reasonable steps to segregate and release all nonexempt information.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5315, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be

marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

EPA incurred \$504 in "review" fees in processing this request. A bill for collection for costs incurred is enclosed. If you have any questions please contact Michael Knapp, of our Office of Regional Counsel, at 617-918-1053.

Sincerely,



Ken Moraff, Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Cris Schena, R1 FOIA Officer